

Order of Public Worship of God

The Eleventh Day of February, Two Thousand Twenty-Four

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

“Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

- C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

“The final result [of generosity] is that thanksgiving will be given to God. One person’s gift becomes the cause of a cry of praise from a score of others. What more could a generous giver want than the satisfaction of knowing that one small sacrifice caused a bountiful number of others to lift their hearts to heaven in worship?”

- Gordon MacDonald, *Generosity: Moving toward a Life that is Truly Life*

“Why not begin operating under the idea that God has given us excess, not so we could have more, but so we could give more.”

- David Platt, *Radical*



OPENING PRAYER | Augustine (354 - 430)

Look upon us, O Lord,
and let all the darkness of our souls
vanish before the beams of your brightness.
Fill us with holy love,
and open to us the treasures of your wisdom.
All our desire is known to you,
therefore perfect what you have begun,
and what your Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer.
We seek your face, turn your face to us and show us your glory.
Then shall our longing be satisfied,
and our peace shall be perfect.

† HYMN OF WORSHIP | “For The Beauty Of The Earth”

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!

For the church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!

For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given,
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!

† CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 72: 1-4, 13-14

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!

Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!**

**For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.**

He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.

**May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun!**

**May people be blessed in him,
all nations call him blessed!**

† HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “All Creatures Of Our God And King”

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam!**

Refrain:

**O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice! *(refrain)*

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care! *(refrain)*

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One! *(refrain)*

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not,
As thou hast been, thou forever will be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *(refrain)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(refrain)*

INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

† CORPORATE PROFESSION OF FAITH | The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into Hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead
He ascended into heaven
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

† DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† GREETING

*Junior Worship begins for children age four through first grade. Please escort children to the following classrooms.
Preschool - Room 10; Kindergarten and First Grade - Room 9. Children will return to sit with their families
before communion.*

READING OF GOD’S WORD | II Corinthians 9: 6-25

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | “The Results of Generosity”

- Rev. James M. Holland

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful Father,

We confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.

You alone know how often we have grieved you

by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.

Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin.

Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,

for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | 2 Corinthians 8:9

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.”

In the name of Christ, all your debts are paid in full.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

How do we take communion at St. Patrick?

When directed, please come forward to receive the bread and the cup. The white chalices contain wine; the darker ones on the tables have grape juice. The crackers on the tables are gluten-free. The elder will distribute the bread and then follow with the wine chalice. We will practice intinction, where you will dip the bread in the wine. If you prefer grape juice or need gluten-free bread, indicate your preference when the elder comes to you, then go to the table for your elements. After receiving communion, you will proceed to the outside aisle to return to your seats.

Who comes to the Table?

Communion is open to all baptized believers who have made a profession of faith in Jesus. If you have children who have not made a profession of faith, they are not ready to partake of the elements, but please bring them forward to be blessed by one of our elders. If you are not a believer but want to know more about Jesus, you are invited to come forward and simply bypass the table, letting one of the leaders know that you would like to learn more about what it means to know and belong to Jesus.

† HYMN OF ASSURANCE | “The Sands of Time Are Sinking”

The sands of time are sinking; the dawn of heaven breaks.

The summer morn I’ve sighed for, the fair sweet morn awakes.

Dark, dark had been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand

And glory, glory dwelleth, in Emmanuel’s land.

The King there in his beauty, without a veil is seen:

It were a well-spent journey, though seven deaths lay between:

The Lamb with his fair army, doth on Mount Zion stand,

And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel’s land.

O Christ, he is the fountain, the deep sweet well of love.

The streams of love I’ve tasted, more deep I’ll drink above.

There to an ocean fulness, his mercy doth expand

And glory, glory dwelleth, in Emmanuel’s land.

The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear Bridegroom’s face;

I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace!

Not at the crown he giveth, but on his pierced hand,

The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel’s land.

Oh! I am my Beloved’s, and my Beloved is mine!

He brings a poor vile sinner, into his house of wine.

I stand upon his merit, I know no other stand,

Not e’en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel’s land.

† BENEDICTION | Ephesians 1:17-18

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

Scripture tells us to make our needs known to God, and to call others to pray with and for us.

If you would like prayer, elders will be standing in the front of the sanctuary (pulpit side) immediately following the service to pray with you.



The flowers today are given in honor of Tammy “Tata” Mensi, in recognition and gratitude for her 25 years of service in the St. Patrick nursery.

Helpful Links:



If you are new to St. Patrick or have a prayer request, please fill out the portion below.

You may place your liturgy in the offering plate or in the designated basket in the Narthex as you leave.

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NEED PRAYER?

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